

fine and on conviction the candidate should be disqualified for a period of 6 years.

15. The candidate who fails to lodge his election expenses return within the prescribed time, should automatically stand disqualified for a period of five years.

16. Violation of the Model Code of Conduct should result in the election of the candidate(S) in whose favour or with whose consent or conveyance, the violation was caused, being declared void and that the candidate(s) should be disqualified for a period of six years.

17. The existing provision in section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, relating to registration of political parties, should not be deleted and there should be a specific provision to de-register a party if it violates the undertaking given under the section. The power to de-register should vest in the High Court.

18. The provisions of section 28 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950 and section 169 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, are violative of and repugnant to the provisions of article 324 of the Constitution. The authority to make rules should therefore, be conferred totally on the Election Commission. The Election Commission shall, however, consult the Central Government.

Import of Second Hand Capital Goods

*543 SHRI BAPU HARI CHAURE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether second hand capital goods

are being imported at present;

(b) if so, the countries from which such imports are made;

(c) whether the Government have noticed any deficiency in such imports;

(d) if so, whether any Committee was constituted in this regard;

(e) whether the Committee has submitted its report;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Such imports are made from countries like USA, UK, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Australia, Switzerland, Sweden, Spain, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, etc. and other countries from which imports are permissible.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (g): Don not arise.

Export Processing Zone

*544. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES:
SHRI C.P. MUDALA
GIRIYAPPA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka have approached the Union Government for the establishment of an Export Processing Zone at Bangalore or any other city in South India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c): Government of Karnataka have proposed the setting up of export Processing Zones at Bangalore and Mangalore. They have been informed that at the moment there is no proposal to set up additional Export Processing Zones.

India Growth Fund

*545. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the India Growth Fund registered an investment loss during the period of six months ending December 31, 1991;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the main reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c): Does not arise.

[Translation]

Indo-Nepalese Trade

*546 SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA:
DR. PARASHURAM GANGWAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to give assistance to Nepal to promote Indo-Nepalese economic cooperation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the potential areas for joint industrial ventures identified by the Government; and

(d) the other steps taken to further improve the trade relations between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b): Besides the preferential arrangements governing Indo-Nepalese bilateral trade, Government provides assistance to Nepal in sectors such as hydel and power, public health, communication, civil aviation, tourism, etc. to promote economic cooperation.

(c) The potential areas identified for joint industrial ventures include industries for producing cement, paper, sugar, other agro-industries and projects related to rural development and employment generation in rural areas.

(d) The efforts to strengthen the preferential trade regime and export promotion activities such as participation in fairs/exhibitions, exchange of delegations, seminars, etc. are measures to further promote bilateral trade.

Demand of Commercial vehicles Abroad

*547 SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH:
DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of commercial vehicles in India are less as compared to other countries;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;